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The MUFTI's religious standing in Egypt is not high, although it is elsewhere in the Moslem world. As a leader of joint Islamic action, he has been well received recently at meetings of Islamic leaders in Darawar and Karachi this year. While on the Karachi trip, he also visited Kabul in Afghanistan, according to his followers. There is no indication that he visited Moslem leaders in Iran while in the area. There have been Cairo newspaper reports that while in Pakistan, the largest Moslem state, he turned down an offer to become MUFTI of Pakistan.

The MUFTI's wife, five daughters—aged eight to twenty-five—and twenty-year old son live with him. The son is a law student here. His eight-year-old daughter, Amina, is reportedly his favorite.

After an early breakfast and morning exercises, Haj Amin spends most of his day in his library-of ice at home. A former Turkish army officer, he prides himself a on keeping physically fit.

He corresponds regularly with his followers. On his desk is a mother-of-pearl framed picture of Jerusalem's famous Mosque of Omar.

His followers say he eats little and is practically a vegetarian. He likes horses and occasionally practices target shooting with a carbine in his garden.

Members of his entourage say he has a keen, humorous repertoire. He speaks Arabic, French, Turkish and English.

He is usually shed at midnight. He sometimes entertains small groups of selected friends, including some Egyptian politicians. He listens regularly to radio broadcasts.

The source of his money is a mystery. His enemies say he misappropriated funds entrusted to him for Palestine reforms and other causes and hint that he is still in possession of illegal wealth from his pay and money stolen during the period he was MUFTI in Jerusalem. This he denies."

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